

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraphs [0048], [0050], [0051], [0052] and [0053] with the following paragraphs rewritten in amendment format:

[0048] Referring to Fig. 1 herein, there is illustrated schematically a system of co-operating computer entities for providing automated filing of registered trade mark applications at a plurality of governmental or intergovernmental trade mark offices from a plurality of remote locations. The system comprises a host server computer entity 100, for example residing at an internet service provider body 101; a client terminal computer entity 102 in communication with the host server 100 via a dedicated line, for example an ISDN line, or via a virtual private network (VPN), or via the internet; a plurality of sub-contractor terminal computer activities 103, 104, communicating with the client terminal 102 and/or the host server 100 via the internet, via one or more VPNs or via one or more ISDN lines; the client terminal 102 and each sub-contractor terminal 103, 104 communicating via the internet, via one or more VPNs, or via one or more ISDN lines with a plurality of governmental or intergovernmental terminals 105-107; one or more finance company server computer entities 108 communicating with one or more client terminals 102, one or more subcontractor terminals 104 and/or one or more government office server computer entities 107 via the internet, a VPN or one or more ISDN lines; and a plurality of customer terminal com entities ~~[[408]]~~ 109, each capable of communicating with the host server 100 via the internet, a VPN, or one or more ISDN lines: and a search agent 110 which may also be accessed via the internet, a VPN or similar.

[0050] In overview, operation of the system is as follows. A plurality of individual customers for trade mark registration have customer terminals ~~[[408]]~~ 109. In the best mode, customer terminals are conventional computer platforms or the like, having a web browser and having access to the internet. Customers find the host server 100 using a direct connection or via a known search engine, e.g. Yahoo®, Alta Vista®,

Lycos[®], Web Top[®] or the like. The host server 100 presents an interactive web site display to each customer terminal ~~[[108]]~~ 109 simultaneously and in parallel on demand which is accessed by means of a web browser located at each customer terminal. Through the web site customers can make data entries at the customer terminals of information required for filing a registered trade mark application as described hereafter. The information is collected as digital customer instruction data by the host server, which upon receipt of a 'proceed' signal from a customer terminal sends a confirmation message back to the customer terminal that a trade mark application and/or a trade mark search has been instructed to be applied to registered.

[0052] In the case of trade mark application instruction data sent by the client terminal to a government office server, the government office server may return official filing confirmation data back to the client terminal. The client terminal may then relay the official filing confirmation data via the host server 100 to the customer at the customer terminal ~~[[108]]~~ 109 or to any other customer terminal specified by the customer.

[0053] The client terminal 102 may also send trade mark application instruction data to one of the sub-contractor terminals 103 which may then forward it to a government office server 105-107. In this case, a government office server may return official filing confirmation data via a said sub-contractor terminal 103 to the client terminal 102, which relays the official filing confirmation data via the host server 100 and back to a customer terminal ~~[[108]]~~ 109.